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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Columbia Heights Road Reconstruction Project in fiscal year 2023. The project sponsor for this project is the City of Longview and the project is located at 1525 Broadway Street, Longview, WA 98632.

The funding is designated for improving an approximate one-mile section of Columbia Heights Road between Cascade Drive and Fishers Lane. The current roadway is narrow, has no pedestrian access and routinely requires repairs due to poor drainage. The road is serviced by Longview and Kelso School District buses multiple times per school day and the poor conditions create an unsafe climate with little or no room for pedestrians, disabled vehicles, or passing room for emergency vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have several benefits including widening the road to add a curb, gutter, sidewalk, 4' paved bike lane and rehabilitate the roadway surface with a 2" asphalt overlay. Additionally, the project will improve sight distance, construct a storm drainage system, add guardrails to protect motorists from a large ravine and add streetlights to improve visibility.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress